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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

HARRIMAN REPORTED TO BE AFTER SEABOARD

The Great Wizzard of Finance is Now in the South Looking Over Situation.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 27.—It is being persistently rumored in financial circles of Washington that E. H. Harriman, the railroad magnate, working in harmony with Thomas F. Ryan, is to gain control of the Seaboard Air Line railway. Several times within the past few months this rumor has been current and while nothing has ever materialized from it, it has never been officially denied. Recently Mr. C. H. Ryan, general passenger agent of the Seaboard, visited Jacksonville and at that time he was asked if there was any truth in the rumor that Mr. Harriman was seeking to gain control of the Seaboard system. He seemed reticent about answering the question or discussing the matter and evasively remarked that personally he did not know why Mr. Harriman would seek to gain control of the Seaboard system, as he had outlets to the Atlantic at Baltimore and Savannah and the Gulf at New Orleans.

Mr. Harriman may or may not be seeking to take over the Seaboard, but there are good reasons to believe that he is. In reference to the matter The Washington Post has the following to say:

It is understood in financial circles in Washington and Baltimore that a serious contest for the control of the Seaboard Air Line railway has been entered into by the Williams family of Baltimore, on the one hand, and E. H. Harriman and Thomas F. Ryan, on the other. For some years the control of the road is supposed to have lain between the Williams people and Mr. Ryan, although, of course, the actual operation of the property has been conducted by receivers.

Working in Harmony.

The original receivers of the road are supposed to have been controlled by Mr. Ryan, but about a year and a half ago the Williams strength in the property was increased to such an extent that they were able to go into court and have their own receivers appointed to act in connection with those already acting for the railway interests. While Mr. Ryan is supposed to be retiring from business and while he has, since his purchases of the Equitable Life Insurance Society of New York, over the head of Harriman, been at odds with the wizzard of the railroad world, it is understood that Mr. Ryan is acting in harmony with Mr. Harriman in his effort to get control of the Seaboard and operate it in

connection with his other railroad properties.

If Mr. Ryan is working with Mr. Harriman now in this matter it is thought that he believes that in the forthcoming industrial boom in the South, Harriman will be in a position to do more for the Seaboard than any other man or interest. Harriman has for a long time been trying to get into the railroad field in the South, and the Seaboard offers about the only opportunity that is open to him.

The Southern railway is firmly in the hands of the Morgan people, as is Atlantic Coast Line and Louisville & Nashville, while control of the Chesapeake and Ohio and Norfolk and Western roads are so firmly anchored that not even the genius of Mr. Harriman in getting what he wants can change their control.

About two or three years ago when the ownership of the Central of Georgia was floating about Mr. Harriman quietly got control of that property and aside from his ownership of the Illinois Central, this was his first step into the South proper. He is supposed to have got control of some street railway lines in Augusta and Aiken at about the same time.

Harriman in South.

Mr. Harriman is now in the South looking over the railroad situation in that section and incidentally talking over the situation with some stockholders of the Seaboard. If he gets control of that railroad, it is understood, arrangements have already been made for discharging the receivers, retiring the receivers' certificates, which have been issued in rather large amounts, and financing the road so that it will soon be able to take a commanding position in the transportation world of the South.

While the road never has been considered a heavy carrier of freight, yet it goes to the very centers of the freight distribution in the South and with its Western connection can readily be made a through line for freight from the West to Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York over the Pennsylvania and to Norfolk direct over its own roadbed.

The acquisition of the road would give Mr. Harriman what he has long desired, a direct outlet for freight to the Atlantic seaboard. Under his ownership plans would be made for making Norfolk one of the great grain shipping ports of the United States.

CATHERINE HAILE LEADS BY FEW VOTES

The handsome piano to be awarded the successful candidate in The Sun contest has arrived and will be placed on exhibition at one of the stores today.

The standing of the candidates is now as follows:

Miss Catherine Haile, city.....	375,035
Miss Dorian Ellis, city.....	373,030
Miss Bessie Dupree, city.....	324,575
Miss Florrie Strickland.....	156,740
Miss M. Daughtrey, city.....	143,105
Miss Mary McCormick, city.....	67,560
Miss Nannie Dickinson, city.....	49,985
Miss Alma Fennell, city.....	39,905
Miss A. Groff, Newberry.....	37,910
Miss Julia Carter, city.....	35,845
Miss Jessie Evans, city.....	27,960
Miss Mabel Sanchez, city.....	21,690
Miss A. Strickland, Waldo.....	20,240
Miss Estelle Beal, city.....	13,130
Miss Emma Hudson, city.....	10,705
Mrs. I. Ware, High Springs.....	9,765
Miss Annie Beville.....	7,805
Miss Minnie Shaw, Alachua.....	7,725
Miss K. Carlton, Micanopy.....	4,975
Miss Lizzie Sheppard, Bell.....	4,905
Miss Goldie Lambert, city.....	4,150
Miss Elevena Staf, Waldo.....	3,570
Miss L. Sanders, Hawthorn.....	2,150
Mrs. A. W. Sargent.....	2,135
Miss Ruby Albright.....	2,080
Miss Mary Thigpin, city.....	1,685
Miss M. Fernandez, city.....	1,600

DANCE AT MICANOPY.

Young People Have a Very Delightful Time.

Another of those highly enjoyable dances was given by Micanopy people at Feaster's Opera House on Wednesday evening which did much to enliven the place for the large number of visitors now stopping there.

The Gainesville Orchestra was engaged to furnish the music on this occasion, and this part of the evening's amusement was all that could be desired.

This is only another of these society events which the young folks have clubbed in to have the necessary amusement and pastime during the winter months, and they are meeting with the highest commendation from all of the young ladies for whose benefit they are given.

Besides the visitors from McIntosh, Boardman, Evinston and other points a large number of Gainesville young ladies attended.

Gainesville are visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. D. L. Branning.

Rev. William Pugh is out again, but continues quite weak and does not recuperate fast since his illness.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Ethel Laurine Jolly and Mr. William B. Harvard on February 2, at the Methodist church. Miss Jolly is one of our most charming young ladies, a daughter of Dr. Andrew and Mrs. Ella Jolly, and Mr. Harvard is a prominent business man of Live Oak.

Mr. Joseph Winter died on Sunday after a second attack similar to the first which occurred months ago. He had a complication of complaints. His death, however, was rather sudden. He was one of the older citizens, and was much esteemed by all who knew him. He had long been identified with the S. A. L. Railroad in one capacity or another, and was on the road when taken by his last illness and brought home unconscious. His funeral was largely attended, the services being conducted at the house and cemetery by Rev. T. L. Z. Barr, pastor of the Methodist church. Many floral offerings were furnished by friends, and the sympathy of the whole community is felt for the bereaved family, composed of a wife, three sons and a brother.

This spring-like weather will be disastrous to the peach crop if followed by a cold snap. The weather is also exceedingly dry.

The Sun office for calling cards.

COOPER'S SENTENCE HAS BEEN COMMUTED

Man Who Murdered Marshal of Punta Gorda is Sent to Prison for Life.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Jan. 27.—

Isalah E. Cooper has been commuted to life imprisonment by the Board of Pardons of Florida. The Cooper case is one which has become well-known throughout the country, because he holds the distinction of having had three death warrants issued for him and then revoked by the Governors who issued them.

Cooper was convicted of killing J. H. Bowman, the town marshal of Punta Gorda, and has been in the DeSoto county jail at Arcadia since his conviction. The case was one of the most stubbornly fought ever recorded in the State of Florida. There was a reinvestigation by the grand jury, but this was without result so far as Cooper was concerned.

Governor Hung in Effigy.

Governor Jennings, who preceded Governor Broward in office, issued the first warrant for his death, but this was withdrawn just a few minutes before the execution of the doomed man. The feeling against Cooper was so intense that the Governor was hanged in effigy that night at Punta Gorda.

Twice during his administration of four years did Governor Broward issue death warrants for Cooper, but twice also did he withdraw the war-

rant, because of letters received by him from anonymous sources stating that Cooper was not the guilty man and that some day the truth would come out. Under the circumstances the Governor was impelled to prevent the execution of the death sentence.

Gilchrist Witness at Trial.

Gov. Gilchrist is the third Governor to sit on Cooper's case. Gov. Gilchrist is himself from the county of DeSoto, where the crime was committed, and was a witness in the case. The action of the Board of Pardons yesterday was not unexpected. Since the long incarceration of Cooper it is understood that public sentiment against him has changed considerably, and the action of the board will probably meet with general approval. The board passed the following resolution commuting his sentence to life imprisonment:

"Whereas, Isiah E. Cooper was convicted in 1904 of murder and has been in Arcadia jail under sentence of death for five years, and

"Whereas, two former Governors have declined to have death warrants executed, the Pardon Board decides that substantial justice will be meted out by commutation of sentence to imprisonment for life."

The sentence was commuted.

Talesman Sent Word To Judge to Go to the Devil

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 27.—When the second venire of five hundred talesmen was exhausted yesterday without the completion of the jury to try Col. Duncan Cooper, Robin Cooper and John D. Sharpe for the slaying of former Senator E. W. Carmack, Judge Hart announced that he would devote today to the hearing of charges against Jurors Leigh and Jackson. Meantime he drew another venire of five hundred names and the sheriff is summoning them for service Friday.

Just before court adjourned yesterday afternoon the State filed charges against Juror H. C. Jackson, claiming that he was incompetent because he was an habitual drunkard. The State has been trying since last week to get a hearing on the charges against Juror J. S. Leigh and its witnesses were summoned to appear today, when both cases will be gone into.

Hadn't Heard of the Killing.

There are now nine men in the box with charges against two of them. The failure of counsel to complete the jury from the first thousand talesmen, together with the fact that the number of those already selected may be reduced by the court, makes it extremely improbable that the twelve men will be sworn in before some time next week.

H. P. Jackson, a blacksmith, 55 years old, who lives in the country, has not read a paper for twenty-eight years and had heard Carmack was dead, he thought. He was eagerly accepted as juror No. 8.

Late yesterday the State gave notice that it would ask the removal from the box of Juror Jackson, on the charge that he is "an habitual drunkard" and otherwise unfit to serve on the case.

S. M. Hyde, a farmer 48 years old, who had never read a newspaper and who had no opinion, but was opposed

to capital punishment, was accepted as juror No. 9.

"Tell Judge to Go to the Devil."

G. W. Kelber, one of the talesmen, when summoned, said:

"Tell the judge to go to the devil. I am too busy to serve as a juror."

The officer who served him reported to Judge Hart and Kelber was brought in.

"Sit down over there," said the court. "I won't send you to the devil right away, but I'll send you some place else after awhile." F. N. Grier was willing to sit on the jury, although he was a friend of John D. Sharpe, one of the defendants. Until two years ago, he would not vote for hanging.

"Since then," he said, "I've read Paul's writings, and he says, 'submit yourselves to all authority and ordinances that be over ye,' so I believe the law is authority."

"You would like to get off," inquired Judge Anderson of the defense. "I sho' would."

"Then we will oblige you; stand aside."

The hearings today with reference to the two jurors, Leigh and Jackson, promise to be interesting.

Judge Hart allowed Kelber to go to his home last night, but ordered him to report promptly today for investigation of his alleged conduct while being summoned as a juror.

Attention, Stonewall Camp!

All who are behind with their dues will please send the amount in by the 1st day of March to T. B. Ellis, treasurer. Reports will then have to be made to headquarters of each member's standing in the camp. Please attend to this at once. By order

HORATIO DAVIS,

Commander.

JNO. C. M'GREW, Adjt.

Negro Boy Accidentally Killed His Companion

WALDO, Jan. 27.—Albert Atwater is just able to be up from the effects of an accidental gunshot wound received at his own hands sometime ago.

G. W. Scarborough is in the lead in the production and sale of strawberries, having realized \$6 and \$8 a crate of thirty-two quarts. The berry is a beauty and extra large.

Mrs. W. B. Ennis has returned to Tampa, after a visit of some weeks to relatives here and at Starke.

J. B. Davis would have lost a fine brood mare, but for the timely attendance of a veterinarian from Gainesville.

Jasper Donaldson is at his home a few miles out of town suffering from a case of appendicitis. An operation

is contemplated later. He has had Dr. Pierce of this place and Dr. DePass and McKinstry of Gainesville attending him.

A son of Felix English accidentally shot another colored boy, a son of Cheatham, with a shotgun on Saturday evening, from which the latter died in a few minutes.

Two additional teachers, Miss Daisy Poole and Miss Wise, have been assigned to our public school, the increased attendance making their services necessary.

Postmaster Morse of Earleton, who is also merchant and mill man, was transacting business in town Saturday.

Mrs. C. B. Peeler and son of Jack-